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# REVIEW OF THE CATCH OF THE GLOUCESTER FISHERIES FOR THE YEAR OF 1910.

**Total Catch Was Over a Million  
and a Half Pounds Better Than  
the Receipts of the Preceding  
Year.**

**MACKEREL FISHERY WAS, HOWEVER, A TO-  
TAL FAILURE IN ALL BRANCHES.**

**Total Receipts Were 89,734,855 Pounds, Besides 32,-  
850 Pounds Landed At Other Ports.—New Re-  
cords Made for Big Stocks in Cod and Halibut  
Fishery, Also in Codfish and Mackerel Prices,  
Which Were the Highest Since the Civil War.**

With the close of business on Sat-  
urday, Gloucester completed its 287th  
year in the fisheries, a business at all  
times fraught with great perils and  
loss of life and property; a business  
which in all these 287 years has nev-  
er produced a millionaire and a busi-  
ness in which chance and the vagaries  
of the elements play an important  
part.

The record for the year just closed  
has its dark pages—it also has its  
bright ones, and fortunately the latter  
are in the majority, so that vessel  
owner and shipper, fisherman and  
master mariner can say that as a  
whole, the business shows a balance on  
the right side of the ledger. In fact,  
taking everything "full and by" it can  
be called a good year for vessel own-  
ers and shippers and a more than  
good year for the fishermen as a  
whole.

The fish year has been marked by  
two important events, first, the deci-  
sion of The Hague tribunal in the  
North Atlantic coast fisheries arbi-  
tration, defining our rights on the  
treaty coast of Newfoundland, and  
which decision, when fully complete,  
will do away with all friction inci-  
dent to the various interpretations of  
the old treaty of 1818, and second, the  
recent decision of the board of ap-  
praisers declaring that fish from the

Newfoundland treaty coast, and not  
actually caught by Americans, is en-  
titled to free entry and the said fishery  
an American fishery, provided the op-  
portunity, funds, place and appliances  
necessary for the operation of the fish-  
ery are furnished by an American  
with American capital.

The Hague tribunal decision was  
eminently satisfactory to the New  
England fishing interest and also to  
all who have carefully considered the  
treaty of 1818 and understand the scope  
of the decision, while the stand of  
the board of appraisers is in line with  
the method of conducting the fishery  
on that treaty shore, by Americans,  
as far back as the '60s and the her-  
ring fishery of the past 15 years and  
also points a possible fertile field in  
other branches in the spring and sum-  
mer seasons to come.

Another feature of the year is the  
fact that in November salt codfish  
reached the highest price, from the  
vessel, since the days of the Civil war  
and when figured on the present money  
standard, probably the highest ever  
paid here in the history of the fisher-  
ies.

## Some Distinctive Features of the Work of the Year.

Among the points which stand out  
distinctly in connection with the Glou-  
cester fisheries of 1910, the following  
can be mentioned:

The total catch was quite a bit bet-  
ter than 1909, in fact last year's fig-  
ures are exceeded by about 1,500,000  
pounds.

In some branches of the fishery stocks  
and shares never before attained were  
made.

The mackerel fishing was the biggest  
failure of any year for which there is  
record.

The catch of salted codfish, though  
larger than in 1908 and 1907, shows a  
fall-off of about 5,500,000 pounds from  
the unusually large catch of 1909.

The codfishing fleet was the largest  
for many years and while the trawl-  
ers did finely, the dory handliners did  
poorly.

The fleet engaged in the herring fish-  
ery is unusually large, no less than 68  
vessels being engaged, while 18 have  
landed first trips and gone back for  
second fares, making the grand total  
86 fares—provided all secure loads.

Salt codfish sold at \$5.55 per hundred  
weight for large and \$5 for mediums  
and snappers, believed to be the high-  
est prices on record.

All previous records for big stocks in  
the fresh halibut fishery were left far  
behind.

A large fleet of big power dories  
which formerly made Boston its head-  
quarters, has been fishing out of here  
the whole year, doing well on market  
fish and herring. The crews of these  
crafts now reside here with their fami-  
lies.

A new record for stocks in the salt  
bank cod fishing was made and un-  
usually large stocks were made in the  
ditched halibut fishery.

## The Receipts Ground Fish.

Codfish showed the greatest falling  
off of any of the fish species, the total  
receipts being about 5,500,000 pounds  
of salt and 2,600,000 pounds of fresh  
less than last year. In making this  
comparison, it must be borne in mind  
that the codfish season of 1909 was an  
unusually good one—the best for years.  
The falling off in fresh cod is caused  
by the shakers bringing more of their  
catches salted than usual.

Haddock were in about the same  
receipts as last year, while hake and  
cusk show a large gratifying increase,  
the former being about 1,750,000  
pounds and the latter 1,000,000 pounds  
ahead of last year, this being due not  
only to more fish coming from Bos-  
ton to split, but also to the fact that  
some of the down east shakers landed  
quite a number of fares here, and the  
Georges halibuters also had quite a lot  
of these kind of fish.

## Pollock Receipts Increased.

The pollock fishery the past fall and  
early winter produced but few fish,  
about all that were caught being land-  
ed at T wharf for market consumption,  
nevertheless the catch for the year  
was 3,500,000 pounds ahead of 1910.  
This was caused by the great pollock  
school which struck right off here ear-  
ly in February and remained until  
June, vessels and small crafts, with  
seines, getting large and frequent  
fares.

## Mackerel Season Poorest on Record.

The mackerel season was a bitter  
disappointment. It was the poorest  
on record. In all but 3395 barrels of  
salt mackerel and 20,000 barrels of  
fresh mackerel were landed at all ports  
and of these amounts 2830 barrels of  
salted and but 490 barrels of fresh  
mackerel were landed here. The early  
fleet to go south next spring will be  
unusually small.

## Fresh and Salt Herring Receipts In- creased.

Fresh herring were in large receipts,  
far ahead of 1909, when but about 5000  
barrels were landed. The past year's  
catch was fully 18,000 barrels, most  
of which went rapidly for fresh bait  
and but few barrels going to salt or to  
the freezers.

Salt herring receipts are ahead of  
1909, as also are frozen herring.  
These fish are figured by seasons in-  
stead of years, so the fact that the  
catches were larger in 1910 than 1909  
cannot be construed as showing any-  
thing definite, taking in as they do  
the last half of one season and the  
first half of another.

## Receipts of Other Fish.

Considerable more whiting were  
brought in than in 1909, while shad  
dropped off. Halibut fins, because of  
the increased catch of flitched halibut,  
were in much larger receipts than in  
the previous year. The catch of the  
small boats increased materially over  
1909, the fleet being larger, caused by  
the addition of the Italian power dory  
fleet, whose crews fish hard and do  
well.

In figuring the catch landed by Glou-  
cester vessels at other ports there  
are included the ground fish and hal-  
ibut landings at T wharf, Boston, the  
halibut landings at Portland, some  
ground fish taken at Port Clyde, and  
the mackerel landed at Boston, New  
York and Newport.

## Total Receipts for the Year.

The total weight of fish of all kinds  
landed at this port for the year 1910  
was 89,734,855 pounds or 44,867 tons,  
against 88,351,404 pounds or 44,176 tons  
in 1909. It is figured from actual sta-  
tistics at hand and from careful, con-  
servative estimates, that Gloucester  
vessels landed at other ports, direct,  
during 1910 a total of 32,250,000 pounds  
or 16,125 tons.

Thus the total of fish landed at this  
port and by Gloucester vessels at oth-  
er ports, direct, for 1910, was 121,984,-  
855 pounds, or 60,992 tons, against 124,-  
711,204 pounds, or 62,356 tons, in 1909.

## Comparative Receipts for the Past Three Years.

The following table gives the re-  
ceipts at this port in detail for 1910,  
and also for the purpose of comparison,  
the detailed receipts here for 1909 and



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Salt mackerel prices soared to very fancy figures, one fare selling for \$43 per barrel, the highest price on record. Another fare sold for \$42.50 and still another at \$40.50 per barrel.

The high liner of the mackerel fleet stocked \$9000, which figure, in times past, has often been exceeded by several vessels on their southern trips alone. A season's stock of \$42,000 was made a few years ago by one of the mackerel seining fleet.

A fleet of five Lake Erie power boats came here this fall, the captains and crews bringing their families, and has engaged in power gill netting.

Five Newfoundland vessels and one Lunenburg, N. S. vessel brought large cargoes of salt cod to this port during the latter part of the year, the fish having been bought by one of the large firms. The six fares aggregated one and three-quarter million pounds of fish. One of the Lunenburg salt bank fleet also came here with her spring trip and put it on the market, the first occurrence of this kind for many years.

A large body of tinker mackerel struck in Annisquam and Little River in early October remaining there about a week, and some of the small power craft made good catches. It has been many years since any body of mackerel has shown in those waters.

#### The Codfishing Fleet.

A fleet larger than usual was engaged in codfishing last season, many crafts hauling out of seining in July and August and going "fresh and salt," all doing well, and also incidentally adding materially to the cod catch total. In all there were about 40 of these shacks, about all of them making two or three trips during the season.

The trawl bank fleet was much smaller than usual, numbering 11 sail, while there were fully 45 or 50 sail in the dory handline fleet, nearly all going from here. These bankers, trawl and dory handline, landed 95 fares at this port during the season, and beside this number some trips were landed at Rockport and Provincetown.

The eastern deck handliners which operated last fall and early winter on Quero bank, were in the same boat as the dory handliners, and did poorly. The salt drifters did about the same as in 1909, although they brought no big fares from the eastward.

#### The Halibut Fleet.

The fresh halibut fleet as a whole had a remarkably successful season and some truly remarkable stocks were made by many of the vessels. The fleet was of decent proportions, no less than 30 sail being engaged, about all of them going from here. Portland was a favorite market place for many of this fleet and out-stripped Boston easily in halibut receipts.

The success of the flitched halibut

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#### Fitting for the Year's Fishery.

Capt. Robert Wharton is here to fit sch. Yakima for Georges halibuting.

Capt. Augustus Hall will again command sch. Catherine Burke in which last season he broke all records in the fresh halibut fishery, and expects to sail about January 15.

Capt. Albert Saulnberg has sch. Selma all fitted for Georges halibuting and will get away today or tomorrow.

Capt. Ben Johnson is fitting sch. Hattie L. Trask for Georges handlining.

Sch. Mystery, Capt. Michael Wise, has gone to the treaty coast of Newfoundland for a load of salt codfish.

Capt. Charles Wilson is fitting sch. Agnes for Georges halibuting.

Capt. Frank Stream is fitting sch. Waldo L. Stream for Georges halibuting. The craft will sail this year from the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, which concern has bought an interest with Capt. Stream in the vessel.

Capt. Fred Thompson is fitting sch. John Hays Hammond for Georges halibuting.

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#### Maine Had Record Lobster Catching Year.

[According to figures made public by Commissioner of Maine Sea and Shore Fisheries Donahue of Rockland the year 1910 will go down on record as a great lobster catching year. More lobsters were caught during the year 1910 than for any year since 1904. The following is the amount of lobsters caught and the amount paid to the fishermen for the past six years and the table shows that the gain for the present year was a large one:

Number pounds caught.	Value.
1905—11,137,947	\$1,394,356
1906—15,014,147	1,640,646
1907—17,397,342	1,888,468
1908—17,635,980	1,558,252
1909—16,954,270	1,768,837
1910—19,936,542	2,145,204

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#### Portland Fish Notes.

Just one good trip of fish was landed here Friday and that was brought by sch. Harvard of Gloucester. She had a thousand pounds of halibut, 10,000 pounds of fresh fish and 20,000 pounds of salt fish. The fare was sold to J. W. Trefethen. The Harvard had been fishing on Brown's banks and had been out nearly three weeks from Gloucester. Her skipper reported some rough weather, but little out of the ordinary.

Sch. Lochinvar brought in 11,000 pounds of fresh fish later in the day.

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## TWO ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT.

GEORGES HANDLINER AND OFF-SHORE HADDOCKER ARRIVE WITH GOOD FARES.

Arrivals have been few since last report, only one Georges handliner and one off-shore haddock plugging in by the Point up to this morning. Both have dandy fares, however, so that in a measure makes up for the scarcity of arrivals.

Sch. Titania, Capt. Patrick Vale, got in Saturday afternoon. The craft was buried in ice but she had a trip in her all right, for Capt. Vale hauled for 30,000 pounds of salt cod, 20,000 pounds of fresh cod and 1500 pounds of halibut.

Yesterday Capt. Horace Wildes, whom the wise ones were wagering would be here for the Monday morning market, confirmed their judgment by bringing sch. Ingomar in and with a big fare, 80,000 pounds of haddock and cod from the Cape Shore, which means that he is starting the new year with the determination of equaling or excelling his splendid record of 1910. Capt. Wildes lands all his fares at this port and is always there with the good stocks and when it comes to the end of the season the Ingomar is right up in the front rank.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Ingomar, Cape Shore, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Titania, Georges handlining, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1500 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Stranger, shore.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, shore.

Sch. Leo, shore.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Moanum, returned—man lost and dories smashed.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Eugenia, via Boston.

Sch. Masasoit, shore.

Sch. Mabel S. Bryson, shore.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Romance, haddocking.

Sch. Corsair, Boston.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, Boston.

Sch. Buema, shore.

Sch. Alice, shore.

Sch. Pontiac, haddocking.

Br. sch. Excelda.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Bay of Islands salt herring, \$4.12 1-2 per bbl., Bonne Bay salt herring, \$3.62 1/2 per bbl., pickled herring \$5 per bbl.

Eastern deck handline salt cod, \$5.55 per cwt.; for large \$5 for mediums and \$5 for snappers.

Bank halibut 12 cts. per lb. for white, 11 cts. for gray, with the heads on.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.

Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$2 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.

Splitting prices for fresh fish: Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80, snappers, 80c.

Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.30 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.

Georges handline salt cod, \$5.55 for large and \$5.50 for medium.

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#### For Herring Cargo.

The Nova Scotia sch. Ronald G. Smith sailed from Canso, N. S., for Bay of Islands, N. F., Thursday.

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#### Good Haddock Stock.

Sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, stocked \$2000 as the result of her fine haddock trip landed at T wharf last week.

	1910		1909.		1908.	
	Barrels.	Pounds.	Barrels.	Pounds.	Barrels.	Pounds.
Salt Cod, .....	27,630,987	...	33,107,085	...	23,115,705	...
Fresh cod, .....	9,679,657	...	12,299,259	...	13,130,700	...
Halibut, .....	2,281,292	...	2,368,582	...	2,816,050	...
Haddock, .....	4,906,111	...	4,402,100	...	8,409,100	...
Hake, .....	3,546,794	...	1,805,590	...	7,868,400	...
Cusk, .....	2,394,168	...	1,362,960	...	3,405,800	...
Pollock, .....	9,445,835	...	5,901,125	...	7,133,200	...
Flitched Halibut, ...	950,356	...	800,109	...	880,542	...
Swordfish, .....	14,305	...	6,184	...	11,954	...
Cured Fish, .....	3,000,024	...	4,091,100	...	3,404,800	...
Fresh Mackerel, ....	490	98,000	3,348	669,600	4,365	873,000
Salt Mackerel, .....	2,830	566,000	14,805	2,961,000	17,450	3,490,000
Fresh Herring, .....	18,800	3,760,000	5,288	1,057,600	20,537	4,107,400
Salt Herring, .....	59,867	13,649,676	46,420	10,583,760	36,737	8,376,036
Frozen herring, .....	18,325	4,581,250	17,635	4,408,750	26,450	6,612,500
Porgies, .....	...	...	817	163,400	...	...
Whiting, .....	5,000	1,000,000	500	1,000,000	4,000	800,000
Shad, .....	368	73,600	749	159,800	1,653	330,600
Halibut Fins, .....	429	85,800	298	59,600	358	71,600
Miscellaneous, .....	1,371,000	...	1,743,800	...	1,285,200	...
Fresh Fish from						
Small Boats, .....	700,000	...	300,000	...	600,000	...
Total Landed at						
Gloucester, .....	89,734,855	...	88,351,404	...	96,722,587	...
Landed by Gloucester Vessels at Other						
Ports, .....	32,250,000	...	36,359,800	...	32,601,850	...
Total Landed at						
Gloucester and by Gloucester Vessels at Other Ports, ....	121,984,355	...	124,711,204	...	129,324,437	...



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## LIGHT RECEIPTS AT T WHARF.

AMOUNT OF FISH ON THE MARKET THIS MORNING NOT OVER 250,000 POUNDS.

Two of the off shore fleet with big catches and 12 of the shore boats, the most of them with good fares, is the story at T wharf at the Monday morning opening. Although the former have 150,000 pounds or fresh fish between them, the boats have a little over 100,000 pounds of shore fish and altogether there is not enough for the trade.

Sch. Elsie, Capt. Thomas Downie, from the Cape Shore, hails for 80,000 pounds or better and sch. Susan and Mary, Capt. Gourley Anderson, has 70,000 pounds. Off shore haddock sold at \$2.50 right through and hake and cod brought good figures, so both crafts will make fine stocks.

Of the market boats, sch. Washakie leads with 20,000 pounds, while the little netting sloop Sarah has an extra big catch of 10,000 pounds of cod, and her crew will start the new year with a share which will bulge their pockets.

Haddock sold at from \$2.50 to \$4, large cod \$3.75 to \$4.25, hake \$3 to \$4.50, and pollock \$3.50.

Sch. Metacomet, the last vessel to arrive at T wharf on Saturday, started for Boston late Friday evening, intending to reach T wharf during the night. She got as far as fort Warren and her captain found that it would be too dangerous to attempt to try for the harbor in the gale and darkness, and cast anchor until this morning.

The schooner had a hard time in making across the bay, and in beating about in the gale the jumbo-boom broke. The fishermen said that the night was intensely cold, and that the gale howled furiously.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Elsie, 50,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 8000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Susan and Mary, 35,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Washakie, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Motor, 2000 haddock, 700 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Rose Standish, 3500 haddock, 700 cod, 400 hake.

Sch. Victor and Ethan, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 9000 haddock, 300 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Flavilla, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2500 hake, 4000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Dixie, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Sarah, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Lillian, 7500 cod.

Sch. Marguerite, 4500 pollock.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Mettasomet, 3500 pollock.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.75 to \$4.25; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$4.50; pollock, \$3.50.

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### New English Herring Fishing Ground.

Some Yarmouth, Eng., herring boats have discovered a new fishing ground off the coast of France, from which they are bringing large catches to Yarmouth, or taking them into nearer southern ports in order to save the expense and avoid the delay involved in a steaming back to the east coast. The discovery is the more important from the fact that the grounds off Lowestoft and Yarmouth have been practically fished out this season.

### Will Probably Be Floated.

The fishing schooner Richard V. Nunan was ashore Sunday at Cape Porpoise, but was reported as lying in an easy position and will probably come off with slight injury. The tug Cumberland started to go to her assistance, but on getting outside found such a heavy sea running that it was not deemed prudent to proceed.

### Halibut Fares at Portland.

Sch. Mooween was at Portland yesterday with 20,000 pounds of fresh halibut and sch. Paragon was also there with 16,000 pounds. Both fares sold at 15 1-2 cents per pound.

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### Alaska Fishing Notes.

The Fishing Gazette prints the following interesting halibut fishery notes from Alaska and Seattle:

As usual at this time of the year, halibut is going into deeper water, and the catches are small. Outside fishing is practically closed for the winter.

The Wrangell Narrows halibut fleet now number 60. At one time in October the boats totaled 108. The fleet fishing has a capacity of 675,000 halibut. They are producing, practically 30 per cent. of this every seven or eight days.

Recent cable reports state that halibut is 6 1-2 cents Seattle, with prospect for higher prices. But few culls are found at this time of the year.

A fresh bait famine is on at Ketchikan and Juneau; fresh and salt bait are in good supply at the Narrows. Salt bait has been going up to the north of the Narrows until it is almost "out of sight."

More than \$200 a man will accrue to the hands of the gasoline halibut sch. Daisy as the result of about a week's fishing off the West Coast of Vancouver Island just finished. The Daisy recently reached Seattle with a catch of 27,000 pounds of halibut, with the market price 7 1-4 cents a pound.

Seattle men interested in the halibut fishing industry have been debating a report that action is to be taken against Puget Sound fishing vessels, alleged to engage in poaching in British Columbia waters for bait. It is said on the British Columbia side, that the attention of the government at Ottawa is to be called to the subject, with a view of devising a method to suppress the alleged practice.

### Pensacola Fishing Notes.

Eight smacks arrived during last week at Pensacola, of which four had small quantities of groupers in addition to catches of red snapper. The Warren Fish Co. and four of the arrivals and E. E. Saunders & Co. a like amount. The heaviest catch of red snappers was made by the smack Priscilla, of the Saunders fleet, and the smallest catch by the smack Henrietta Martin, of the same firm.

The total catch of the eight smacks was 151,000 pounds of red snappers and 14,000 pounds of groupers.

The smack arrivals were as follows: Warren Fish Co.: Smack Caldwell H. Colt, 20,000 pounds red snappers; smack Alcoma, 22,000 pounds red snappers and 6000 pounds groupers; smack Ariola, 15,000 pounds red snappers and 2000 pounds groupers, and smack Amy Wixon, 21,000 pounds red snappers and 4000 pounds groupers.

E. E. Saunders & Co.: Smack Priscilla, 3000 pounds red snappers; smack Louise Harper, 29,000 pounds red snappers; smack Henrietta G. Martin, 4000 pounds red snappers, and smack Cavalier, 10,000 pounds red snappers and 2000 pounds groupers.

### Halifax Salt Fish Market.

The Maritime Merchant of Halifax, N. S., says:

"While there have been no changes to note in the dried fish market during the past fortnight, there is no doubt that the supplies are gradually narrowing down. It is said that there are 20,000 quintals still in first hands in Lunenburg county, and that they will be held for \$6. This, of course, is somewhat above today's market prices here, but no one will be surprised if the figure named is realized, as supplies from other points are now pretty well all out of first hands. The people who have done amazingly well this year are the Lunenburg fishermen. From \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000 in cash will be the total value of the dried fish catch in that country. As a result 16 new vessels will be added to the fleet this year."

### High Line of Boston Fleet.

If he does not take the honor of highliner of the Boston fishing fleet, Capt. Frank Watts of sch. Gladys and Nellie will not be far from it. As things look at present the honor is his. During the last year he stocked for the fish he brought to T wharf \$40,693.26 and each of his men received as share \$1227.76. This is considered a big stock for the market fishermen. The stock of sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, Capt. George Perry, owned by the same people, will be above \$30,000.

### Looking for Higher Prices.

Says the Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star:

"In view of the high price the Bay of Islands herring are fetching in the American market today, and the high cost of nets, etc., it is high time that our toilers of the sea were paid a remunerative price for their catch. Fishermen, you now have a chance of a lifetime."

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## THREE TRIPS AT T WHARF.

ONE OFFSHORE SCHOONER AND TWO MARKET BOATS THE ONLY ARRIVALS.

T wharf isn't saying much in the fish line this morning having for division among all her numerous firms but one off-shore haddock trip and a handful of pollock and cod from two boats.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott is the off-shore craft there and hails for 50,000 pounds of haddock and 5000 pounds of cod, the former bringing \$2.75 right through and the large cod selling for \$3.50. The shore cod brought \$4 and \$4.50 and the pollock \$3.80.

The steam trawlers disappointed the Boston wholesale fish dealers yesterday morning. They were expected at T wharf by 9 o'clock at least, but up to 10 they had not appeared and were not at the wharf at dark. The haddock, which the trawlers were expected to have was needed for Tuesday orders, but the dealers had to make what the shore fishermen brought in go as far as they could.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 50,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Viking, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Massasoit, 2000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2.75 to \$4; pollock, \$3.80.

### Irish Mackerel Fishery.

Mackerel continue in very good request, with the quotations of last week repeated. Of the situation in Ireland, The Fishing Gazette's correspondent says:

"The position here as regards cured mackerel is practically unchanged; and although some little has been done at this fishing, the greater portion were shipped to the English fresh markets (which are now very strong) and there has been only a few cured in out of the way districts, where it was impossible to put them on the fresh market. Curers are holding their fish for higher prices, which they look for after the holidays."

Norway mackerel have a good sale at fair prices. The fishing was heavy.

The herring situation is considered satisfactory.

The foreign sloop herring fishing (that is, herring with milk or roe) has started, and is reported as very good, both as to quality and quantity.

P. Fitzgerald, of Cleggan, County Galway, Ireland, fish curer and exporter, is building up considerable of a mackerel trade with the United States. He is up-to-date with his methods, and one of his aims is to bring the quality of west of Ireland mackerel up to the standard of Limerick bacon.

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### Portland Fish Notes.

The fishing schooner Paragon of Gloucester arrived at Portland Sunday from a four weeks cruise on Quereau banks. She brought in 16,000 pounds of halibut, the first trip of that kind of any size coming here for a long time. She had in addition about 5000 pounds of mixed fish. The captain reports considerable rough weather on the banks, and in the furious blow of Friday night last carried away fore-gaff and part of her standing rigging. The schooner was also quite badly iced up when she first arrived, having been continually boarded by heavy seas during the gale.

### Digby, N. S., Heavy Stocks.

The two high line vessels at Digby, N. S., this year from October 11 to December 23, are the schs. Dorothy M. Smart, Capt. Harry Ross, and the sch. Albert J. Lutz, Capt. John Apt. The former has stocked \$7,258 and the latter \$7,000.64. The Lutz high dory stocked \$242.15 to each man.

It is said that this is the highest amount ever stocked in a Digby vessel for a similar period at this season of the year. Both are up-to-date vessels, with enterprising skippers and carry good crews.

### Germany Fishery Products.

According to official returns, the value of the fishery products imported into Germany in the first nine months of last year amounted to 70,041,000 marks as compared with 62,000,000 marks in 1909 and 58,000,000 marks in 1908, in the corresponding periods. The value of the exports amounted to 6,193,000 marks as against 6,900,000 marks in 1910 and 8,000,000 in 1908. Thus the imports have increased and the exports decreased.